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U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy;  
Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2014 in Room B12 of The George Washington University's Elliot School of International Affairs at 1957 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052.

The meeting's topic will be on "Defining the Role of Arts and Culture in National Security" and will feature Rick Ruth, Senior Advisor in the Education and Cultural Affairs Bureau at the U.S. Department of State, and Molly Fannon, Director of the Office of International Relations and Programs at The Smithsonian Institution. Other official representatives involved in arts and cultural diplomacy will also be in attendance.

This meeting is open to the public, Members and staff of Congress, the State Department, Defense Department, the media, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. To attend and make any requests for reasonable accommodation, e-mail [pdcommission@state.gov](mailto:pdcommission@state.gov) by 5pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Please arrive for the meeting by 9:45am to allow for a prompt meeting start.

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy appraises U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Advisory Commission may conduct studies, inquiries, and meetings, as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information and issue reports and other publications, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Advisory Commission may undertake foreign travel in pursuit

of its studies and coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, or other activities that it deems desirable and necessary in fulfilling its functions.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Commission shall represent the public interest and shall be selected from a cross section of educational, communications, cultural, scientific, technical, public service, labor, business, and professional backgrounds. Not more than four members shall be from any one political party. The President designates a member to chair the Commission.

The current members of the Commission are: Mr. William Hybl of Colorado, Chairman; Ambassador Lyndon Olson of Texas, Vice Chairman; Mr. Sim Farar of California, Vice Chairman; Ambassador Penne Korth-Peacock of Texas; Ms. Lezlee Westine of Virginia; and Anne Terman Wedner of Illinois. One seat on the Commission is currently vacant.

The following individual has been nominated to the Commission but awaits Senate confirmation as of this writing: Alfredo Balsera of Florida.

To request further information about the meeting or the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, you may contact its Executive Director, Katherine Brown, at [BrownKA4@state.gov](mailto:BrownKA4@state.gov).

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Katherine Brown,  
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Department of State.

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